eminent. However, the National Dairy Develoment Board (NDDB) has recently been permitted to export 25, 000 MTs of mustard oil out of its surplus Stock procured from 'market intervention operation' to all permissible destinations for a period or 6 months from the date of issue of export licence. But no export of mustard oil has so far been made by NDDB.

**Fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales in UNI**

2239. SHRI S- VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state):

fa) whether it is a fact that UNI had categorised some senior journalists as Editors in 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Editors have been denied the Editors (Group I) pay scales prescribed for news arencies by the UNI management with effect from 1-1-1988; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Govenment to ensure fixation of Edi tors in Group I pay scales by the UNI management?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will bel laid on the Table of the House.

**Payment of pay and other allowances at different rates by UNI**

2240. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUBMI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Wil! the! Minister of LABOUR be pleas- e: i to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United News of India management is paying night shift allowance and City compensatory allowances at Class II n^-s agency rates while paying basic pay, D. A. and HRA at Class I rates notified by Government under the Bachawat Award;

(b) if so, whether two different classification—one for pay and another for payment of allowances are permitted under Government's orders; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure payment of Class I rate[s of pay and allowances to UNI employees under the Bachawat Award?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The various allowances being paid to UNI employees, are those for Class II news agencies, as notified by the Government on 31st August, 1990. The scales of pay of the Non-jowrnalist? newspaper employees were upgraded in the said notification by the Government without chance in their classification. Subsequently the pay scales of Working Journalist, got upgraded as a result of mutual settlement between the UNI management and the] employees.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

**Increase of wagons for supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station**

2241. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY;

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state!:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Celntral Gov ernment to increase the number of Rail way Wagons foe- the supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station; and

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In view of shortfall in production of coal from Singereni Coalfieids sieps ! have been taken to supplement coal supplies to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station from Talcher coalfieds of South Ea'stern Railway.

**Project for running Electric Trains between Delhi and Calcutta**

2242. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to implement the project worth of 43 crores of rupees to run Electric Trains between Delhi and Calcutta- and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRT GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Doe$_s$ not arise.

**Supply of drinking water in Andhra PtadlesSii villages**

2243. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the action taken by Government on the project report for providing drinking water supply to RAYA-CHOTY and three other villages i$_n$ CUD^ DA PAH District in Andhra Pradesh forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, vide No. 59610|RWS. III-89-2, 17-10-89?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): The scheme has been technically scrutinised and not approved.

**Million wells sdheme**

(244. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

PROF. c. LAKSHMANNA:

11 the Minister of AGRICULTURE b; pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of success rate of million wells of JEEVANA DHARA scheme in the frequent drought affected areas of Rajasthan and Rayalaseema $^m$ Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to dig surface Borewells instead of open wells in the above areas under this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-TURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) On the basis of the information furnished by 'he Rajasthan Government, the success rate of wells under the Million Wells Scheme, (the correct name of the Scheme) in the frequent drought affected areas of Rajasthan is cent percent, as no failure has been reported so far. As regards the success rate of wells in Rayalaseema, Andhra Pradesh, although specific information on failed wells is not readily available, the Andhra Pradesh Government has informed that 6289 number of wells have been approved under the Scheme under National Rural Employmnt Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) out of which 5949 number °f wells have been geologically cleared. The number of wells taken up for execution in the area under the Scheme is 4692, out of which wells completed are 199S and the remaining 2694 number of wells are reported to be in progress.

(b) and (c) The Million Wells Scheme has been hunched as a sub-scheme of NREP and RLEGP, whirh have since been merged into Jawahar Rozgar Yoja-